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1. From 1 January 1947 through May 1947, 1500 new settlers left the land apportioned to them under the land reform and took up other occupations. In June and July 1947, this mass exodus was steadily increasing.
2. The Brandenburg SMA, to counteract the exodus, is preparing an order whereby heavy punishment will be inflicted on peasants who leave their land.
3. The following are cited as main reasons for the exodus: insufficiency of residential and farm buildings, scarcity of cattle, and lack of farming equipment. The Brandenburg SMA is reported to have notified Minister President Steinhoff that he would be held personally responsible for the exodus, should it continue.

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